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## ADVISORY FOR PORTION OF WATSON BAYOU LIFTED

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**Panama City, Fla. –** The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) **is lifting the advisory for** a portion of Watson Bayou from **E 7<sup>th</sup> Court to E 5<sup>th</sup> Court.**

The advisory was issued on June 29, 2021 following a release of approximately **13,500 gallons of raw sewage**. This was due to a manhole overflowing at **818 E 7<sup>th</sup> Court**. The release entered **Watson Bayou**.

Sewage contamination of water can expose swimmers to **intestinal viruses, bacteria, and parasites**. Swimming in the water may cause **symptoms like food poisoning** with vomiting and diarrhea. **Infection is possible** in **open cuts and wounds** that come in contact with the water.

For more information, contact the DOH-Bay's Environmental Health office at 850-481-4806 or visit [Bay.FloridaHealth.gov](http://Bay.FloridaHealth.gov).

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